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TENTS FOR CONFEDERATE REUNION

Both Houses of Congress Pass Resolution Permitting Use of Government Tents by Ada Reunion.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—Robert Roland, Ada, Okla.: House joint resolution providing for the war department to furnish tents for use at Confederate Reunion passed senate and is now ready for the president. Will advise fully by letter.

JAMES S. DAVENPORT.

The above self-explanatory telegram was received this afternoon by Mr. Roland, who was a member of the committee appointed to handle the matter and is a piece of good news to all concerned. At the request of the local committee Congressman Carter took the matter up and the measure passed the house two or three days ago. It was then taken up by the senate and pushed by Senators Mark Smith and John Sharp Williams, Congressman Davenport, and perhaps others also deserve special credit for their work in pushing the matter through.

Endorsement of the senate occurred in record time. Last Tuesday Senator Newlands, of Nevada, introduced the resolution endorsing the commission. Wednesday Senator Fletcher, of Florida, president of the Southern Commercial Congress, addressed the senate in favor of the resolution, which was referred the same day to the committee on agriculture and forestry. Yesterday Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, reported out the resolution favorably from the committee, and it was called up in the senate by Senator Smith and unanimously passed. Rarely does the senate take such speedy action on any measure, and only then with emergency bills.

Senator Fletcher's speech in the senate contained the complete proceedings of the conference of the Southern Commercial congress, held in Nashville, Tenn., April 1-6, regarding the plan of a European investigation of rural finance, the results of the investigation to be used to inaugurate in this country some system similar to the European systems. This document contains reports by Dr. Clarence J. Owens, managing director of the Southern Commercial Congress and David Lubin, American delegate to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, Italy, who will accompany the commission on its tour, and other information concerning European agricultural finance. This was printed in full in the Congressional Record, of August 14, with Senator Fletcher's speech.

This Date in History.
August 23.

1628—George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, assassinated by John Felton.
1784—State of Franklin, afterward Tennessee, was formed.
1793—For the third time in thirty years the British captured Pondicherry, the capital of French India.
1813—Perry's squadron sailed from Sandusky for Put-in-Bay.
1866—Treaty of peace between Austria and Prussia signed at Prague.
1883—Completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad to the Pacific coast.
1898—The United States and Canadian Joint High Commission met at Quebec.
1911—President Taft addressed the G. A. R. national encampment at Rochester.
1912—Ed Phillips was laying off this morning. He had his shoes shined and was smoking a 10-cent cigar. Mrs. Phillips arrived from Shawnee today.

FOR SALE—A high grade Howard piano. Must be sold at a sacrifice price. At Johnson & Shelton's Furniture Store. 117-6td*

CHECOTAH PUTS ONE OVER TELEPHONE CO.

Muskogee, Okla., Aug. 23.—Checotah has won the first round in its fight for better telephone service. At a hearing of the citizens of that town before the corporation commission, this body informed the Pioneer Telephone company that it would have to improve the service as asked.

On the first day of August the town of Checotah voluntarily discontinued its telephone service. Acting in concert every telephone subscriber in the town hung up his receiver and refused to answer or make calls. Notice was served in one order signed by every subscriber on the telephone company that the patrons would decline to use or pay for the phones until a better plant and better service was installed. Since that time there has been no service. This is the first instance in the state where a town has voluntarily discontinued telephone service of its own accord. There were 200 phones in use when the subscribers agreed to cut them out.

THE FIGHT AGAINST GOVERNOR BLEASE

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 23.—Democrats of South Carolina in a primary election next Tuesday will nominate a state ticket, one United States senator and seven representatives in congress. Nominations are equivalent to election.

All of the present representatives are candidates for renomination and several of them will be named without opposition. Senator Benjamin R. Tillman is opposed by N. B. Dial of Laurens and W. Jasper Talbert of Parksville. Owing to the condition of his health Senator Tillman has taken no active part in the campaign. Nevertheless, his friends believe that he is certain to defeat his two opponents in the primaries.

The bitter fight for the governorship between Governor Cole L. Blease and Judge Ira B. Jones is monopolizing public attention to the exclusion of all other contests to be settled by the primaries. There is but one issue: Shall the administration of Governor Blease be sustained and continued or be condemned and ended.

On this issue the entire state is divided into hostile camps while the bitter charges hurled at Governor Blease by his political enemies have attracted the attention of the entire country.

Governor Blease is regarded as a result of the old dispensary system which was established in South Carolina by Tillman, and which has caused innumerable scandals in the past few years. As a member of the legislature, he was in close association with the commission which ran the dispensary system and it is charged that he shared the large rebates which wholesale liquor houses were forced, it is alleged, to pay on all purchases of liquors for the dispensary.

The dispensary system became so notorious that the state decided to abolish the commission. In winding up its affairs, however, the state entered suit to recover from wholesale liquor houses in various cities large sums of money alleged to have been paid in rebates. In all these suits the name of Blease, who was then state senator, was mentioned. Several criminal prosecutions were brought against officials, but no one was convicted.

Blease ran for governor two years ago and won, although opposed by almost every newspaper in the state and the charges against him were plucked everywhere. After his inauguration he started out to punish his enemies. At the outset of his administration he began issuing pardons on a scale never before known in the South. More than 400 pardons have been signed by him since he became governor.

Governor Blease had warrants sworn out against Attorney T. B. Felder of Atlanta, who represented South Carolina in winding up the affairs of the dispensary commission, but the office of chief game warden abolished in view of the fact that he con-

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sidered them unnecessary and a useless expense; that he vetoed many of the items of the appropriation bill presented him by the legislature and that his vetoes were generally in the interest of saving the state money. Governor Blease himself vigorously defends his pardon record, insisting that it has been directed by the dictates of justice and mercy.

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D. W. SWAFFAR

For Clerk of District Court:
A. D. TANNER

For County Clerk:
A. L. MILES

For County Treasurer:
RIT ERWIN

For Sheriff:
L. E. MITCHELL

For County Assessor:
NICK HEARD

For County Superintendent:
W. T. MELTON

For County Weigher:
SHERWOOD HILL

For State Committeeman:
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Claude Sampson, baggage clerk of the Frisco, has returned from his vacation trip to Dallas and Fort Worth.

Judge T. D. McKeown left yesterday afternoon for Wewoka, where he will hold an adjourned term of district court lasting two or three days.

Rags Wanted—Will pay 2 cents per pound for large clean cotton rags. News office.

N. Guthrie, accompanied by his son, William and daughter Fay, arrived this morning from Mena, Arkansas, to visit relatives in the vicinity of Jesse.

Meigs, the old pioneer tinner, has opened a tinshop in the Aldrich building next to Jones' drug store. 117-6t

J. B. Emory was a participant in the lively meeting of the state federation of labor at Shawnee. He reports that there was plenty of interest at all times.

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Mrs. D. W. Holman and daughter Susanne left yesterday afternoon for Sherman where they will visit relatives and attend the old settlers reunion.

Meigs is in the tinning business again and wants to figure on your work. Aldrich building, next to Jones drug store. 117-6t

All citizens interested in the welfare of the schools should attend the meeting of Federated Patrons Clubs at the city hall tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

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This morning M. L. Perkins, J. Frank Lilly, W. D. Little, R. G. Sears and A. N. Harrison left for the Washita where they will spend a day or two fishing.

Prof. Shipp went to Ahloso this morning where he will attend a big school rally that will be held there under the supervision of Prof. I. J. Myers, who has conducted the Ahloso school most successfully during the past year.

M. Levin, who has just opened a furniture store here came up from Ada Monday afternoon and spent a few hours looking after business. He found everything in good shape and is well pleased with the outlook.—Konawa Chief-Leader.

Dr. N. L. Linebaugh, who has been residing in Oklahoma City during the past year, will remove with his family the first part of next week to Holdenville, where his headquarters will be as presiding elder of the Holdenville district of the Methodist Episcopal church south.—Oklahoma City Times.

This morning J. A. Biles and wife left for Sherman, where they were called by the death of Billy Strange of Kingston, Okla., nephew of Mrs. Biles. His death followed an operation for appendicitis. It is stated that the interment will take place at Kingston Saturday.

The double cross is an expression often heard, and this evening the Majestic will present a drama of that name made in the gold regions. "More Precious Than Gold," is a story of Wall street, high finance and a man's honor. Tomorrow, matinee and evening: "A Modern Portia."

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Mary had a cross-eyed beau,
His name was Caleb Tucker;
But Mary's growing old, you know,
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Miss Fannie Houser, who has been here for some time visiting her sister, Mrs. A. B. Yeager, left this morning for Dallas, where she will visit another sister before returning to her home at Columbia, Tennessee.

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Charley Ray returned yesterday from his two weeks visit to his old home at Cookeville, Tennessee. He says that that country is having more rain than it really needs.

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W. T. Mercer of the News force has hardly been at himself all day, being excited by the fact that Mrs. Mercer who spent the summer at her old home at Pinckneyville, Illinois, is due to return this afternoon.

Judge S. Heard was in the city today en route to Oklahoma City. After remaining there for a few weeks he will spend a month at St. Louis, returning in time to cast his vote for Wilson in November.

Although there are a few reports of boil worms in various parts of the county, A. L. Kennedy, government demonstration agent, after a careful investigation, is of the opinion that there is no cause for alarm. Although a worm is found occasionally, there are very few millers in evidence and while the hot dry weather continues, there is little chance for the worms to multiply.

The Lyric again offers a program of three fine pictures to its patrons this evening as follows: "Master and Man" which is a strong Imp drama, "The Heiress," a Rex comedy, and "The Scarlet Letter." Everything cool and pleasant at the Lyric.

O. W. Taylor of Roff was in the city this morning en route from the meeting of the State Farmers' Union at Shawnee. Mr. Taylor has always been an active booster for the organization and in token of its appreciation of his past efforts, the union elected him president of the state organization.

Just imagine an Irishman in a land where every nationality on earth but his own is found, and you will have some sort of idea of what "A Foreign Invasion," the comedy that the De Sota will present this evening, looks like. Full of fun all the way through. Two other good pictures: "Building a Church in a Day," and "The Missing Bridegroom."

Yesterday afternoon Mayor Ratliff imposed a fine of \$25 on J. H. Boatwright, late manager of the Travelers' hotel, on a charge of conducting a house of ill fame. The costs and fine together totaled \$5. Boatwright claimed that he was not aware of any misconduct on the part of any of the guests of the hotel and that he tried to conduct the hotel as it should be, and introduced creditable testimony regarding his past reputation, but the city secured a conviction principally on the statute relating to the general reputation of a place. Mayor Ratliff stated that he placed the fine as low as he did because the fault may have been largely due only to the ignorance or negligence of the defendant.

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COTTON COUNTY PROPOSITION CARRIES

Lawton, Ok., Aug. 22.—Complete returns from the proposed county of Cotton give 1,671 for the new county and 931 against. On the face of the returns Comanche County was divided today by vote of the people and approximately half on the south end will be known in the future as Cotton county under the law providing for the creation of new counties.

Leaders of the fight against the new county, however, declare they have evidence of gross irregularities in several precincts and a recount will be asked on contested boxes. Evidence is in the hands of the committee.

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(Continued from Thursday)

"One ain't the only funny thing along shore this mornin', nuther," an-

spyllass, lowered the latter and seemed puzzled. "Blessed if she don't look abandoned to me. Can't see a sign of life aboard her."

"We couldn't neither," said Thoph. "We was just cal'atin' to go off to her when Charlie come and told us about the longboat. I guess likely we can go now; it's pretty nigh smooth as a pond. You'll take an oar, won't you, Noah?"

"I can't leave the light very well. My wife went over to the village last night. You and Charlie and Bill go. Want to go, too, Zeb?"

"No, I'll stay here, I guess. The old lady made me promise to keep my feet dry afore I left the house."

"You want to go, Mr. Ellery? Lots of room."

The minister was tempted. The sea always had a fascination for him and the mystery of the strange ship was appealing.

"Sure I won't be in the way?"

"No no! 'course you won't," said Burgess. "Come right along. You set in the bow, if you don't mind gettin' sprinkled once in a while. I'll steer and Thoph and Bill'll row. That'll be enough for one dory. If we need more, we'll signal. Heave ahead."

The steersman, who was staring hard in the direction they were going, scowled.

"Humph!" he grunted again. "I swan to man, fellers, I believe she is abandoned!"

"Rubbish!" panted Bill, twisting his neck to look over his shoulder. "Course she ain't! Who'd abandon a craft such weather's this, and Provintown harbor only three hours' run or so?"

The rowers "hit her up" and the dory moved faster. Then Burgess, putting his hand to his mouth, hailed.

"Ship ahoy!" he roared. "Ahoy!"

No reply.

The dory slackened speed, turned in obedience to the steering oar, and slid under the forequarter of the anchored vessel. Ellery, looking up, saw her name in battered gilt letters above his head—the San Jose.

"Stand by, Thoph!" shouted Charlie. "S'pose you can jump and grab her forechains? Hold her steady, Bill. Now, Thoph! That's the time!"

Thoph had jumped, seized the chains, and was scrambling aboard. A voice, weak and quavering, said:

"Gimme a drink! Gimme a drink! Can't none of you God-forsaken devils give me a drink?"

He stopped over the bunk. A man was lying in it, crumpled into a dreadful heap. He stooped lower, looked, and saw the man's face.

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He seemed to be listening.

"What did you think?"

"Nothing, I—"

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Ellery descended the almost perpendicular ladder gingerly, holding on with both hands. At the foot he stopped and tried to accustom his eyes to the darkness.

A room perhaps ten feet long, so much he could make out. The floor strewn, like that of the cabin, with heaps of clothing and odds and ends. More shapes of clothes hanging up and swaying with the roll of the brig. A little window high up at the end, black with dirt. And cavities, bunks in rows, along the walls. A horrible hole.

He took a step toward the center of the room, bending his head to avoid hitting the fo'castle lantern. Then in one of the bunks something stirred, something alive. He started violently, controlled himself with an effort, and stumbled toward the sound.

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